Sl. No.	Name of the State Legal Aid and Advice Board	Name of persons benefitted during	
		1993-94	1994-95
32.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	Nil	0
	TOTAL	1,18,023	1,21,539

*Information not provided by State legal Aid Board
Information for Jan'95 to Mar'95 is awaited from 8 District Committees for calendar years 1993 & 1994 respectively.

Funding the identity card scheme

7343. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleases to state:

(a) whether some States had expressed difficulties in funding the Identity Card Scheme sought to be enforced by the Election Commission after Ist January, 1995; and

(b) if so,. whether Government have considered the possibility of collecting the requisite funds by way of levy of fee on individual voters and offering certain non-pecuniary and other benefit to card holders, confining the funds requirement for providing identity cards on Government expense only to the people living below poverty line?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The Election Commission has informed that it does not favour any suggestion for realising the cost of identity cards from the electors except where a card once issued has to be replaced for reason of the elector's negligence. The Election Commission, however, has permitted the use of photo identity cards under different Government schemes.

Encouraging Solar Energy production in Gujarat

7344. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL:
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2787 given in Rajya Sabha on the 30th March, 1995 and state:

(a) what steps have been taken to encourage "Solar Energy" in Gujarat;

(b) whether any incentive programmes have been drawn to popularise the "Solar Energy System" in the State; and

(c) if not, whether Government would consider the starting of schemes in States particularly in Gujarat to popularise the system as such?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) The Government is encouraging populirisation of Solar Energy through various socially oriented and market oriented schemes under Solar Photovoltaic Programme and Solar Thermal Energy Programme all over the country, including in the State of Gujarat.

The Solar Photovoltaic Systems installed in Gujarat as on 31.3.1995 includes 1564 Street Lighting systems, 370 Domestic Lighting systems, 965 Solar

Lanterns, 51 Television systems, 98 Water Pumping systems and 3 small village level Power Plants of an aggregate SPV capacity of 14 kwp. Under Solar Thermal Energy Programme in Gujarat 35,096 Solar Cookers, 64040 sq. m. collector area under Solar Water Heating systems, 5594 sq.m. Solar Desalination Systems, 12 Solar Air Heating systems and 18 Solar Timber Kilns have been installed.

(b) and (c) A central subsidy of 50% of the ex-works cost of Solar Photovoltaic Systems for lighting and village level small power plants is being provided to special category States/UTs, Islands, hill regions, etc. and certain categories of beneficiaries all over the country under the socially oriented scheme. The subsidy for Solar Lanterns is fixed at Rs. 2,000/ each. A package of subsidy and soft-loan is being made available for the purchase of SPV Water Pumping Systems. In addition some State Governments, including Govt. of Gujarat, also provide additional subsidy to the beneficiaries for Solar Energy Devices.

Soft-loans are also being made available to beneficiaries for purchase of Solar photovoltaic devices/systems through the Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) Ltd. through various Market Oriented Schemes.

In addition to the above incentives for users, fiscal and financial incentives such as concessional custom duties on solar cells, photovoltaic modules and systems, concessional excise duty, 100% depreciation and soft loan facilities are also being made available to manufacturers of solar photovoltaic devices and systems.

Under Solar Thermal Programme soft loans are being provided for promoting low grade solar thermal systems including Solar Water Heaters through IREDA. Nominal subsidy for Solar Air Heater and Solar Desalination System and support through grants in aid to State Nodal Agencies and manufacturers are being provided for popularisation publicity, testing sales and service of solar cookers.

Solar Photovoltaic Power Generation

7345. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that two Multinational companies *viz.* ANOCO and ENRON Solar Power Development Companies are to start solar photovoltaic electricity generation projects in the Thar desert area; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) and (b) An initial proposal has been received from M/s Amoco/Enron Solar Power Development, a company in U.S.A. for setting up in a phased manner a MW power plant based on solar photovoltaic technology, on Build-Own-Operate basis. In the first phase, a 150 MW capacity has been proposed. The Project is proposed to be set up in the Thar desert in Rajasthan. The company has held initial discussions with the Rajasthan State Government, Rajasthan State Electricity Board and the Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources. A decision in this matter will be taken by the State Government after examination of the detailed proposal from the company.

Review of Non-Conventional Energy Centres in Rajasthan

7346. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have undertaken any review of pending/on-going non-conventional energy centres in Rajasthan during the last two years;